

Pirate Pearls

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NEWSLETTER



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We Need Your Abstract for Research and Creative Achievement Week!

Deadline to submit your abstract is February 11

Research and Creative Achievement Week (RCAW) is our pinnacle research event for graduate and undergraduate students at ECU! All students are invited to present their research or creative activity. It does not have to be from a thesis or dissertation. Some projects are appropriate for presentation even if the research is not completed yet. There are poster presentations or oral presentations and creative activity can be shared in many different forms - performances, online and more!

If you are doing any type of research during your graduate program, please speak to your research mentor today! That faculty member will have great advice about what you are doing and how it can best be conveyed to a presentation appropriate for RCAW!

To participate, you must submit an abstract and some other information by February 11, 2021. Please review the RCAW website for complete information and speak to your research mentors today!

[RCAW Website](#)

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Looking for More Activities?

[Pirate 411 Newsletter](#)

Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

This date is always in the Academic Calendar. Click on the [Blue Link](#) on the top of any academic calendar and you will be taken to the Application and Processing Calendar.

Spring 2021 - April 22
Summer 2021 - July 16
Fall 2021 - December 1
Spring 2022 - April 21

[Thesis/Dissertation Help](#)





STUDENT EVENTS

Prepare Now for Spring Career Fairs

Virtual Pirate Nurse Job Fair

4:00 - 6:00 PM

February 8, 2021

Virtual in [Handshake](#)

Virtual Engineering & Technology Career Fair

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

February 17, 2021

Virtual in [Handshake](#)

Virtual Job & Internship Fair

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

February 24, 2021

Virtual in [Handshake](#)

Virtual Education Job Fair

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

March 17, 2021

Virtual in [Handshake](#)

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

FEB
17 Last day to withdraw from Block 1 (8w1) courses
[Academic Calendar - 15 week](#)
[Academic Calendar - 8w1](#)

MAR
26 Early Registration for Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 semesters begins at 1:00 PM today for graduate students
[Academic Calendar - 15 week](#)

MAR
5 Last day of classes for Block 1 (8w1) courses that meet before 5:00 PM
[Academic Calendar - 8w1](#)

APR
2-3 State Holiday (no classes)
[Academic Calendar - 15 week](#)

MAR
8 Last day of classes for Block 1 (8w1) courses that meet after 5:00 PM
[Academic Calendar - 8w1](#)

APR
12 Last day to withdraw from Block 2 (8w2) courses by 5:00 PM
[Academic Calendar - 8w2](#)

MAR
8-9 Block 1 Exams (8w1)
[Academic Calendar - 8w1](#)

APR
2-3 State Holiday - No Classes
[Academic Calendar - 15 week](#)

MAR
10 Spring Festival (no classes)
[Academic Calendar - 15 week](#)
[Academic Calendar - 8w1](#)
[Academic Calendar - 8w2](#)

APR
27 Classes end for 15-week classes
[Academic Calendar - 15 week](#)

MAR
11 Classes Begin - Block 2 (8w2)
[Academic Calendar - 8w2](#)

APR
27 Last day to submit work for removal of incompletes earned in Spring 2020
[Academic Calendar - 15 week](#)

MAR
25 Last day to withdraw from 15-week courses or withdraw from school without grades by 5:00 PM.
[Academic Calendar - 15 week](#)

APR
28 Classes end for Block 2 (8w2) courses. Reading Day for 15-week courses
[Academic Calendar - 8w2](#)
[Academic Calendar - 15 week](#)

This page is not the official academic calendar and errors on this page will not be justification for missing deadlines. Students should always refer to the official academic calendars. Students should make sure to review the calendar for the appropriate term: 8w1 (Block 1), 8w2 (Block 2) or 15-week (full semester).

All official academic calendars are always posted [here](#).



GRAD P.I.R.A.T.E. TALKS

SPRING 2021

GRAD PIRATE™ TALKS

PROMOTING INCLUSION THROUGH RESEARCH, ACTION, TEACHING, AND EDUCATION

A special multidisciplinary seminar series organized by ECU's graduate student body focused on bringing social justice issues to light and educating the Pirate Community at large on how race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, and more affect the lives of our Pirate Nation and our nation as a whole.



Grad PIRATE Talks are back for another semester of interesting and thought provoking talks filled with loads of information and insights on topics related to equity, diversity and inclusion.

Join us this Spring as our graduate students prepare to launch their first session of the Grad PIRATE Talk series. The sessions will go live via WebEx, every other Tuesday at 6pm, beginning Tuesday, February 16th, 2021.

Updates will be provided via email, Facebook and Instagram with login details and more.





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The 2021 Senator Robert Morgan Papers Student Research Award is seeking submissions.

Established to honor Senator Morgan's legacy and raise awareness of his papers here at ECU, the \$1,000 award recognizes excellence in student research and is open to undergraduate and graduate students at ECU. Submissions may be traditional papers or scholarly digital projects and must focus on material contained in the Robert Morgan Papers, housed in Joyner Library's Special Collections. The materials reflect Morgan's legal career, his service in the legislative and executive branches of government, and his tenure on ECU's Board of Trustees. The papers span topics including government, politics, law, special and higher education, history, public administration, sociology and criminal justice.

We are excited to bring to your attention that the Office for Faculty Excellence is hosting a workshop next week on academic integrity. The OFE considers graduate students to be "future faculty" so you are always welcome at OFE events!

Wednesday, February 3rd

Understanding the Academic Integrity Process (2:00 – 3:00 WebEx)

Come and learn more about the academic integrity policy at ECU. We'll discuss the process when you find an alleged violation, meeting with the student, and how to file the report through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. We'll also discuss some additional resources including syllabus language, test language, etc. [Register here.](#)

Statistics Workshops - Grad Students Welcome!

Please attend any or all of these statistics workshops! They all begin at 1:00 PM and all are accessed via Webex: <https://ecu.webex.com/meet/bianh>

2/4 - SPSS Introduction 2/10 - R Introduction
2/18 - Multiple Linear Regression
2/24 - Mediation & Moderation
3/4 - Nvivo Basic
3/17 - Getting Started in Research & How to Plan a Meaningful and realistic thesis or dissertation
3/25 - Structural Equation Modeling
3/31 - Using Excel in Data Management & Data Analysis
4/8 - Qualtrics
4/14 - Mixed research design
4/22 - Logistic Regression

[REGISTER HERE](#) for one or all!

• SPRING 2021 EVENTS CALENDAR •

Jan. 27	Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center 10th Anniversary Ceremony This celebration features Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, keynote speaker, and presentation of the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Advocacy Award to the Department of Sociology. Noon • A Virtual Event
Jan. 27	Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) This informational organizing meeting is for those interested in exploring issues impacting students at the intersections of race, ethnicity, sexuality and gender. 4 p.m. • Main Campus Student Center, Room 307
Jan. 27	Coffee House Coffee House begins for the semester. Registration is required via Engage. 6 p.m. • Main Campus Student Center, Room 253
Feb. 1	Opening Reception for "All Black Lives Matter" Exhibit Presented in celebration of Black History Month. 5:30 p.m. • Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center
Feb. 8	Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (Presented in partnership with the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center) 11 a.m.-2 p.m. • Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (Main Campus Student Center, Suite 100)
Feb. 8	Kiki Twenty-five years after the 1990s cultural touchstones such as Madonna's music video "Vogue" and the documentary <i>Paris Is Burning</i> , a new and very different generation of LGBTQ youth in New York City have formed an artistic activist subculture named the Kiki Scene. This film is presented in celebration of Black History Month. Registration is required via Engage. 6 p.m. • Black Box Theater (Main Campus Student Center)
Feb. 12	Love Is Love: A Vision of Love for All 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center
Feb. 25	Jazz & Friends National Day of School and Community Readings Join us in supporting our transgender and non-binary youth. 4:30 p.m. • Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center
March 1	"To Survive on This Shore" A project by Jess T. Dugan and Vanessa Fabbre, "To Survive on This Shore" features photographs of and interviews with transgender and gender nonconforming older adults. 5:30 p.m. (Opening Reception) • Main Campus Student Center, Room 249
March 15	Becoming More Visible This 2016 documentary shines a humanizing light on the different stories of four fearless young transgender adults, both their struggles and their triumphs, and showcases the importance of having a steady support system. This film is presented as part of Transgender Visibility Month. Registration is required via Engage. 6 p.m. • Black Box Theater
March 31	Trans Day of Visibility Luncheon Registration is required via Engage. Noon • Main Campus Student Center, Room 249
April 12	5B 5B tells a remarkable story of courage and compassion in the first AIDS ward unit in the United States. Registration is required via Engage. 6 p.m. • Black Box Theater
April 26	Lesbian Visibility Day Luncheon Registration is required via Engage. Noon • Main Campus Student Center, Room 249
April 28	Stress Relief Study Break 11 a.m.-2 p.m. • Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center
May 7	Lavender Launch 2021 Lavender Launch is an annual celebration of our LGBTQ and ally graduates. 5:30 p.m. • Black Box Theater

Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the ADA coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the event at 252-737-1018 or ada-coordinator@ecu.edu.



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DR. JESSE R. PEEL
LGBTQ CENTER

SPRING 2021 EVENT CALENDAR

lgbtq.ecu.edu • 252-737-2514



SUPPORT REMINDERS

Getting Help with Taxes

We know that many graduate students are employed and attending graduate school with various methods of funding - loans, assistantships, scholarships, etc. This can make your federal & state income tax situation more complicated. There are resources for you to use to help ensure you file accurately each April.

The IRS does have free tax help. You can search to find out if there are free services near you: [IRS Free Tax Help](#)

Some online tax preparing software offers free support as well. Make sure to evaluate these companies to ensure you are dealing with a reputable firm. One such company is TurboTax® [Official Site: File Taxes Online, Tax Filing Made Easy \(intuit.com\)](#)

There are also blog resources online you can review to learn more about your taxes and how to get help. Here is one example: [How to Prepare Your Grad Student Tax Return \(Tax Year 2019\) Personal Finance for PhDs \(pfforphds.com\).](#)

Pay Attention to COVID Announcements and Procedures

A lot has happened related to COVID in the past month and it's important that you review the university's updates so you are prepared for when you return to Greenville and campus activities. Here's a reminder for the websites you should review regularly.

[Coronavirus Update Page](#)

[Fast-Facts about the Spring Testing Plan for Students](#)

[Return of Pirate Nation website](#)

Feeling overwhelmed? Make sure to get help from the [Center for Counseling and Student Development](#). Telehealth and video services available! Please reach out if you need help.

Questions about symptoms, wanting to get tested or health care related questions, contact the [Student Health Service](#).

Are you using Handshake?

Career Services has provided HANDSHAKE to the campus community! Join today and you will have access to career fairs, employment opportunities, and will be able to see assistantship advertisements too!

<http://www.ecu.edu/career/>

Feeling Stressed?

The Center for Counseling and Student Development is available for all students who feel like they need someone to talk to about stress, anxiety, or any other issue that is preventing you from doing your best. If you believe you need some help, please contact them today!

<http://www.ecu.edu/counselingcenter/>